



DESCRIPTION FOR SITE UNDERGOING REVIEW BY OMB
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Site Name: Falcon Refinery
Site Location: Ingleside, Texas
Congressional Dist.:

1. Description of Site

The site occupies approximately 104 acres in San Patricio County, Texas, and is located 1.7 miles southeast of State Highway 361 on FM 2725 at the northwest and southeast corners of FM 2725 and Bishop Road. Another portion of the site includes a dock facility on Redfish Bay where materials were transferred between barges and storage tanks. The site is bordered by wetlands to the northeast and southeast, residential areas to the north and southwest, an abandoned refinery to the northwest, and a construction company to the southwest.

2. HRS Information

What is the date of SI?

The ESI was completed in November 2000.

When was the HRS package started?

The HRS was started in August of 2001.

What is the site score?

The site score is a 50.00.

What are the constituents of concern?

Solvents such as toluene, xylene, ethyl benzene and PAHs, such as pyrene, benzo (a) anthracene, benzo (b) fluoranthene, benzo (a) pyrene and metals such as arsenic, copper, lead and mercury.

What are the pathways of concern?

Surface water is the main pathway of concern and is the only pathway scored for this site.

What are the sources or cause of contamination?

The sources of contamination are contaminated soil areas associated with past waste management practices, on site piles, and a landfill/land treatment.

3. Current Situation at Site

What is the current use of property?

The site is currently inactive.

What was the historical use of the property if it is related to the cause of contamination?

The facility operated under various names and owners as a refinery from 1977 to 1986.

The site (either whole or in part) has been owned, leased and/or operated under several different



companies. The Oil and Gas Company of Texas, Inc. applied for one of the first air permits for the site in 1977. A deed search revealed that the facility was leased to UNI Refining, Inc. from the UNI International Corporation and the UNI Pipeline, Inc. for seven years, 1979-1986. In 1983 the refinery was sold and operated under the name MidGulf Energy, Inc. The Falcon Refining Company (FRC) purchased the site from Texas Independent Refining facility and began operating in late December 1985. In 1986 production at the refinery once again ceased, Falcon Refining, Inc. declared bankruptcy, and the facility came under the ownership of American Energy Leasing, Inc. In May 1990 Impexco of Texas, Inc. acquired the site from American Energy Leasing, Inc.

National Oil Recovery Corporation (NORCO) gained title to the refinery in December 1990 from Impexco of Texas, Inc. In June 1991, NORCO acquired the dock facility from the Sun Operating Limited Partnership. In the mid-90s MJP Resources, Inc. began leasing/operating the tanks on the northwest corner of the FM 2725 and Bishop Road and the dock facility. In 1998, Pi Energy Corporation acquired 2.5 acres of the dock facility from NORCO.

Please provide description/dates of remediation undertaken since HRS scoring.

No remediation has taken place since HRS scoring.

4. Stakeholder Involvement (Identify Issues/Concerns, Dates of Meetings)

-- Industry / Community Groups / EJ

None identified at this time.

5. Government Involvement

-- Federal agencies / federal lands / tribal lands - all relevant information including whether any of these *could* be involved

-- State's position - does state support listing / governor supports

The TNRCC has indicated that it is likely EPA will receive a letter of support from Governor Rick Perry.

6. Other Environmental Authorities Being Used in Addition to CERCLA

-- RCRA / UST / enforcement / other?

No other environmental authorities are currently addressing this facility

7. Relationship Among Parties Involved at Site

-- state / feds / PRPs / DoD, etc.

None identified. TNRCC has indicated their support of NPL proposal for this site.

8. Why is This Site Being Listed (given that many sites score and few will be listed)?

If there has been cleanup conducted at the site, why is it not progressing?

If known, why does the State want the site listed?

The findings of the ESI revealed releases of fluoranthene, pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, benzo(a)pyrene, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, benzo(g,h,i) perylene, dibenz(a,h)anthracene, barium, manganese, and mercury into the nearby wetlands, the Redfish Bay fishery, and potential habitat areas for State and Federal threatened or endangered species.

The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and the Texas Attorney General's Office have actively sought to address this site under Texas Programs. The TNRCC believes that this site is eligible for proposal to the National Priorities List (NPL) based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and TNRCC superfund evaluations under the Hazard Ranking

System. Therefore, in accordance with state statutes, the TNRCC is seeking federal listing of this site prior to further state superfund actions.